
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that marine life
2 conservation districts are areas worthy of appropriate
3 designation and treatment due to their location and
4 environmental and scenic importance. Offshore marine life
5 conservation districts allow limited commercial access and
6 provide a protected area for aquatic life. Marine life
7 conservation districts are most popularly used for snorkeling,
8 diving, and underwater photography.

9 The purpose of this Act is to preserve and protect offshore
10 marine life conservation districts by capping the number of
11 access permits that may be granted and limiting access to a per
12 cent of those vessels holding marine life conservation district
13 permits.

14 SECTION 2. Section 190-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§190-4.5 Anchoring, boating, and mooring in marine life
17 conservation districts; rules. (a) The department shall,



1 pursuant to chapter 91, adopt rules for the regulation of
2 anchoring and mooring in each marine life conservation district
3 established under this chapter.

4 (b) For any marine life conservation district not
5 accessible by land:

- 6 (1) There shall be no more than a total of forty permits
7 granting access; provided that the department shall
8 not issue any new permits in a respective marine life
9 conservation district after forty permits have been
10 issued for that marine life conservation district; and
11 (2) Access at any one time shall be limited to no more
12 than fifty per cent, rounded to the lesser of the
13 nearest whole number, of the current number of permit
14 holders.

15 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Within its jurisdiction over ocean recreational
16 boating and coastal activities, the department shall adopt rules
17 pursuant to chapter 91 for the regulation of boating in each
18 marine life conservation district established under this
19 chapter."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Molokini Marine Life Conservation District; DLNR; Permits;
Access

Description:

Prohibits the issuance of more than 40 access permits for any
marine life conservation district not accessible by land.
Limits access to any marine life conservation district not
accessible by land to no more than 50 percent of permit holders.
Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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